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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 1636**

S/N 09/454,737

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: **PERRICAUDET ET AL.** Examiner: **D. GUZO**
Serial No.: **09/454,737** Group Art Unit: **1636**
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Title: **VIRAL RECOMBINANT VECTORS FOR EXPRESSION IN MUSCLE
CELLS**

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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT
pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In complete response to the Official Action mailed October 11, 2000, kindly amend the above-captioned application as follows:

In the Claims

Please delete claims 20 and 21 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Please amend Claim 15 as follows:

15. (Twice Amended) A composition comprising (i) a non replicative recombinant adenoviral vector wherein said non replicative recombinant adenoviral vector comprises a heterologous polynucleotide sequence encoding a polypeptide, which polynucleotide sequence is inserted into [an entirely] a deleted E1 region of said non replicative recombinant adenoviral